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Claims

1.   A method for delivering messages in a network (3)
5   comprising at least one terminal device, comprising the
steps of
      generating (S1) a message,
      setting (S2, S3) a condition for receiving said
message,
10   deciding (S5, S6) whether said message is to be
received by a terminal device (1) on the basis of said
condition, and
      transmitting (S8) said message to said terminal
device (1) on the basis of the result of the deciding
15   step.

2.   The method according to claim 1, wherein said
setting step (S2, S3) is performed by a terminal device
(4).
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3.   The method according to claim 1, wherein said
condition is the location of said terminal device (1).

4.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising
25   the step of
      including (S3) information regarding said condition
in an optional field of said message.

5.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising
30   the step of
      determining (S7) said terminal device (1) as being
inactive or busy in case it is decided that said
condition is not met.

6.   The method according to claim 1, further comprising
the step of
      deciding (**S22**, **S23**) whether the originator of said
message is permitted to receive a delivery report, and
5   transmitting (**S24**) said delivery report to the
originator of said message only in case said originator
of said message is permitted.

7.   The method according to claim 6, further comprising
10 the step of
      storing a list of originators of messages in a
database (**44**) which are permitted to receive delivery
reports.

15 8. The method according to claim 6, further comprising
the step of
      defining a group of users which are allowed to
receive delivery reports, wherein
      in said deciding step it is detected whether the
20 originator of said received message is a member of said
group of users.

9.   The method according to claim 8, further comprising
the step of
25   adding a group identifier identifying said group of
users to said message.

10.   The method according to claim 1, wherein said
message is a multimedia message.
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11.   The method according to claim 1, wherein said
network (**3**) is a mobile network and said terminal device
(**4**) is a mobile terminal device.

12. A network system for delivering messages in a
network (**3**), comprising
     a message delivering device (**2**); and
     a terminal device (**4**); wherein
5   said message delivering device (**2**) comprises a
deciding means (**21**) adapted to decide whether said
message is to be received by said terminal device (**4**) on
the basis of a condition for receiving said message, and
a transmitting means (**23**) adapted to transmit said
10   message on the basis of the deciding result of said
deciding means (**21**) to said terminal device (**4**).

13. The system according to claim 12, further comprising
     a message generating device (**1**), wherein said
15   message generating (**1**).

14. The system according to claim 12, further comprising
     a setting means (**11**) for setting a condition for
receiving a message by said terminal device (**4**).

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15. The system according to claim 12, wherein said
condition is the location of said terminal device (**4**).

16. The system according to claim 12, wherein said
25   message comprises an optional field in which information
regarding said condition is included.

17. The system according to claim 12, wherein said
message delivering device (**2**) further comprises a
30   determining means (**23**) adapted to determine said terminal
device (**4**) as not being reachable in case said deciding
means (**21**) decides that said condition is not met.

18. The system according to claim 12, wherein said
35   terminal device further comprises

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a judging means (**43**) for judging whether a delivery
report is to be transmitted or not in response to
receiving said message; and
a transmitting means (**45**) for transmitting said
5 delivery report in case said judging means (**43**) judges
that said delivery report is to be transmitted.

19. The system according to claim 17, wherein said
terminal device further comprises a database (**44**) in
10 which a list of originators of messages is stored which
are permitted to receive delivery reports and which is
accessed by said judging means (**43**).

20. The system according to claim 17, wherein a group of
15 users are defined which are permitted to receive delivery
reports, and
said judging means (**43**) is adapted to detect whether
the originator of said received message is a member of
said group of users.
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21. The system according to claim 19, wherein said group
identifier identifying said group of users is added to
said message.

25 22. The system according to claim 12, wherein said
message is a multimedia message.

23. The system according to claim 12, wherein said
network (**3**) is a mobile network and said terminal device
30 (**4**) is a mobile terminal device.

24. A report delivery condition setting device,
comprising
a setting means (**11**) for setting a condition for
35 receiving a message by a terminal device (**4**) , and

a supplying means (**12**) for supplying said message including said condition to a message delivering device (**2**).

5   25. The report delivery condition setting device according to claim 24, wherein said condition is the location of said terminal device (**4**).

26. The report delivery condition setting device
10 according to claim 24, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said condition is included.

27. The report delivery condition setting device
15 according to claim 24, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

28. The report delivery condition setting device according to claim 24, wherein said network (**3**) is a
20 mobile network and said terminal device (**4**) is a mobile terminal device.

29. A message delivering device for delivering in a network (**3**) a message for which a condition for receiving
25 said message by a terminal device (**4**) is set, comprising a deciding means (**21**) adapted to decide whether said message is to be received by said terminal device (**4**) on the basis of said condition, and a transmitting means (**23**) adapted to transmit said
30 message to said terminal device (**4**) on the basis of the deciding result of said deciding means (**21**).

30. The message delivering device according to claim 29, wherein said condition is the location of said terminal
35 device (**4**).

31. The message delivering device according to claim 29,
wherein said message comprises an optional field in which
information regarding said condition is included.

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32. The message delivering device according to claim 29,
further comprising a determining means (22) adapted to
determine said terminal device (4) as being inactive or
busy in case said deciding means (21) decides that said
10 condition is not met.

33. The message delivering device according to claim 29,
wherein said message is a multimedia message.

15 34. The message delivering device according to claim 29,
wherein said network (3) is a mobile network and said
terminal device (4) is a mobile terminal device.

35. A terminal device for receiving a message for which
20 a condition for receiving said message is set for use in
network (3), comprising
        a receiving means (41) for receiving said message;
        a judging means (42) for judging whether a delivery
report is to be transmitted or not in response to
25 receiving said message; and
        a transmitting means (45) for transmitting said
delivery report in case said judging means (42) judges
that said delivery report is to be transmitted.

30 36. The terminal device according to claim 35, further
comprising a database (44) in which a list of originators
of messages is stored which are permitted to receive
delivery reports and which is accessed by said judging
means (42).

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37. The terminal device according to claim 36, wherein
said condition is the location of said terminal device.

38. The terminal device according to claim 36, wherein
said message is a multimedia message.

39. The terminal device according to claim 36, wherein
said network (3) is a mobile network and said terminal
device (4) is a mobile terminal device.